

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 4, 2007

The Ashland Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session in the Commissioners' Chambers, City Building, Ashland, Kentucky, on Thursday, January 4, 2007, at the hour of 7:00 PM. Those present were Commissioners: Larry Brown, Kevin Gunderson, Paula Hogsten, Cheryl Spriggs and Mayor Stephen E. Gilmore, who presided. Also present were: Randy Robertson, City Manager; Richard W. Martin, Corporation Counsel; Deborah Musser, City Clerk; David Sloan, Fire Chief; Robert W. Ratliff, Acting Chief of Police; Greg Rice, Director of Planning and Community Development; Steve Corbitt, Director of Public Services; Tony Grubb, Finance Director; Chris Pullem, Economic Development Director; Sean Murray, Parks/Recreation Director; Marion Russell, Deputy Director of Public Services; Michelle Merchant, ABC/Insurance Administrator; Michelle Veach, Assistant Finance Director; and Reporters.

The invocation was given by Mayor Gilmore.

The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

AGENDA

City Manager Robertson presented the amended agenda of January 4, 2007. Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Gunderson, to receive & file the agenda. Upon roll call, voting aye were Commissioners Brown, Gunderson, Hogsten, Spriggs and Mayor Gilmore. Nay - none. Motion passed.

HEARINGS AND REPORTS

City Manager's Report – City Manager Robertson introduced graduate student Chris Thompson. Ashland was selected by the Kentucky League of Cities and Kentucky City Managers Association to host a second year graduate student. Mr. Thompson is a graduate student at Eastern Kentucky University.

Mayor and Commissioners' Comments – Commissioner Hogsten stated she is pleased to be here to serve the citizens of Ashland. She stated it is an exciting time and this Commission would bear some fruits from years of hard work of past Commissions. Commissioner Hogsten also stated she knows there will be some challenges especially in the area of unfunded federal and state mandates. She reported that during her orientation meetings with departments she was impressed with the friendliness of employees and how seriously they take their role of serving the public.

Commissioner Brown offered his congratulation to the two new commissioners. He recognized former Commissioner Maxwell in attendance. He also acknowledged challenging times but stated City staff works as a team. Commissioner Brown acknowledged the attendance and support of his wife, Leona.

Commissioner Gunderson expressed his appreciation for the support of voters in re-electing him. He stated that elected City officials are closest to the people and stated his service was a great way to get to know people. Commissioner Gunderson acknowledged the Commission with 2 male and 2 female representatives and quoted congratulations to Commissioner Hogsten and Spriggs for “getting from the kitchen to the Commission.” Commissioner Gunderson praised the members of the Ashland Police Department for their part in making an arrest in a case where he experienced a robbery from his residence of medication. He personally thanked the officers involved: Bohannon, Branham, Wessel, Lt. Stump, Lt. Slone, Captain Kelley and detectives Conley, Sexton and Brunty.

Commissioner Spriggs also congratulated the other three commissioners on their election and acknowledged the presence of former Commissioner Maxwell. She thanked the voters for their support in her election to serve Ashland citizens. Commissioner Spriggs stated Ashland is designated as second class but in our hearts it is first class.

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HEARINGS AND REPORTS CONTINUED

Mayor Gilmore acknowledged the importance of family members in attendance and the fact they will be assisting the elected officials by taking phone messages. He thanked former Commissioner Maxwell for his attendance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mike Wurts, 804 East Street, reported on the success of the VFW operation, DVD program. Locally 2500 DVDs were donated and nationally over 1 million to be sent to troops serving outside the United States.

Carol Jackson, 2740 Carter Avenue, representing the Boyd/Greenup Chapter of NAACP, announced the Martin Luther King ceremony will be conducted on Monday, January 15 at 10:30 AM at the St. James AME Church. The march to Judd Plaza will be conducted at the conclusion with lunch being served at First Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Jackson will complete the events form and bring it to the City Manager's office tomorrow listing the services required of City staff.

Christy Reaves, 2643 Forest Avenue, thanked former Commissioners Maxwell and Branham for the work they had done. She stated she looked forward to working with the two new commissioners. Ms. Reaves presented a letter requesting the City's assistance with utility bills for the G.B. Johnson, Jr. building located at 1401 Winchester Avenue. She explained she is employed by Ashland Engineers & Associates, Inc. located on the top floor and the importance of the space available in the building for over 30 businesses and 100 employees at lower rent costs.

Bob Pinard, 3001 Bath Avenue, WinMont Neighborhood Watch, thanked City Manager Robertson and Commissioner Hogsten for attendance at the group's meeting. He also congratulated the two new commissioners and stated he looked forward to working with them. He acknowledged the attendance of two block captains, Roberts Gross and Barbara.

Election of Mayor Pro-Tem – Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Spriggs, that Kevin Gunderson be elected as Mayor Pro-Tem. Upon roll call, voting aye were Commissioners Brown, Gunderson, Hogsten, Spriggs and Mayor Gilmore. Nay - none. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS
SECOND READING & FINAL ADOPTION

ORDINANCE NO. 1, 2007

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING STEPHEN E. GILMORE, MAYOR, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY AND MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL PROPERTIES, INC. REGARDING USE OF THE TRADEMARK ON SIGNS AT THE CITY LIMITS IN HONOR OF BRANDON WEBB FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES.

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY:

SECTION 1. That Stephen E. Gilmore, Mayor, be and he is hereby authorized and directed to execute an Agreement between the City of Ashland, Kentucky and Major League Baseball Properties, Inc. regarding use of the trademark on signs at the City limits in honor of Brandon Webb for the Department of Public Services. Brandon Webb was the 2006 National League Cy Young Award winner. A copy of said agreement is attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference.

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ORDINANCE NO. 1, 2007 CONTINUED

SECTION 2. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, to the extent of such conflict only, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption, readoption and publication, as required by law.

SECTION 4. It is hereby authorized that publication of this ordinance be in summary form.

/s/STEPHEN E. GILMORE
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/DEBORAH MUSSER
CITY CLERK

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:	December 21, 2006
READOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:	January 4, 2007
PUBLISHED:	

MOTION

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Gunderson, to adopt Ordinance No. 1, 2007, at this its second reading. Upon roll call, voting aye were Commissioners Brown, Gunderson, Hogsten, Spriggs and Mayor Gilmore. Nay – none. Motion passed.

SECOND READING & FINAL ADOPTION

ORDINANCE NO. 2, 2007

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING STEPHEN E. GILMORE, MAYOR, TO EXECUTE A DEED BETWEEN THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, AND THE BOYD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT REGARDING PROPERTY TO BE USED FOR THE READING GARDEN AT THE BOYD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY:

SECTION 1. That Stephen E. Gilmore, Mayor, is hereby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of said City a Deed between the City of Ashland, Kentucky and the Boyd County Public Library District regarding property to be used for the reading garden at the Boyd County Public Library. Said Deed is attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference.

SECTION 2. That Stephen E. Gilmore, Mayor, is hereby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of said City any and all other documents related to this transaction.

SECTION 3. All ordinances of the City of Ashland and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, to the extent of such conflict only, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption, readoption and publication, as required by law.

SECTION 5. It is hereby authorized that publication of this ordinance be in summary form.

/s/STEPHEN E. GILMORE
MAYOR

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ORDINANCE NO. 2, 2007 CONTINUED

ATTEST:

/s/DEBORAH MUSSER
CITY CLERK

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: December 21, 2006
READOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: January 4, 2007
PUBLISHED:

MOTION

Motion was made by Gunderson, seconded by Spriggs, to adopt Ordinance No. 2, 2007, at this its second reading. Upon roll call, voting aye were Commissioners Brown, Gunderson, Hogsten, Spriggs and Mayor Gilmore. Nay – none. Motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. 1, 2007

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY,
ADOPTING, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE
COURSE OF ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE CITY
MANAGER ON THE ITEMS APPEARING ON THE CONSENT
AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF CITY COMMISSIONERS OF **JANUARY 4, 2007**.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY:

SECTION 1. The Board of City Commissioners hereby adopts, authorizes and approves the action recommended by the City Manager on each item appearing on the “Consent Agenda” for the meeting of **January 4, 2007**. Attached hereto and incorporated herein, as if set out in full, is a copy of the “Consent Agenda” hereby adopted, authorized and approved.

SECTION 2. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption, as required by law.

/s/STEPHEN E. GILMORE
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/DEBORAH MUSSER
CITY CLERK

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: January 4, 2007

MOTION TO DELETE ITEM (a)

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Gunderson, to delete Item (a) from the Consent Agenda – ICMA Conference in Washington, D.C. Upon roll call, voting aye were Commissioners Brown, Gunderson, Hogsten, Spriggs and Mayor Gilmore. Nay – none. Motion passed.

MOTION TO ADOPT

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Spriggs, to adopt Resolution No. 1, 2007 as amended. Upon roll call, voting aye were Commissioners Brown, Gunderson, Hogsten, Spriggs and Mayor Gilmore. Nay – none. Motion passed.

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ORDINANCE NO. ____, 2007

NEW BUSINESS
FIRST READING & ADOPTION ONLY

ORDINANCE NO. ____, 2007

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, ADOPTING THE REVISED JOB DESCRIPTION FOR ASSISTANT FINANCE DIRECTOR IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE; AND AMENDING THE AUTHORIZED POSITIONS OF THE "PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, COMPENSATION AND CLASSIFICATION PLAN" AS ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 77, SERIES OF 2003, AND PREVIOUSLY AMENDED.

MOTION

Motion was made by Gunderson, seconded by Spriggs, to adopt Ordinance No. ____, 2007, at this its first reading. Upon roll call, voting aye were Commissioners Brown, Gunderson, Hogsten, Spriggs and Mayor Gilmore. Nay - none. Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Spriggs, to go into Executive Session at 7:40 PM to discussion an individual personnel matter. Upon roll call, voting aye were Commissioners Brown, Gunderson, Hogsten, Spriggs and Mayor Gilmore. Nay - none. Motion passed.

RECONVENED

The meeting reconvened at 7:50 PM and Mayor Gilmore announced the only item discussed was an individual personnel matter with no final action taken.

RECESS

Mayor Gilmore declared the meeting recessed at 7:55 PM until January 11, 2007 at 9:00 AM.

STEPHEN E. GILMORE
MAYOR

ATTEST:

DEBORAH MUSSER
CITY CLERK